

Minutes of the Meeting of Quedgeley Town Council held at Kingsway Community Centre on Monday 17th December 2018 at 7.30pm

PRESENT Cllr G Smith, Cllr S Smith, Cllr Powell, Cllr Hughes, Cllr Arnold, Cllr Williams, Cllr Lee, Cllr Mrs M Slatter and Cllr Massey

Members stood to observe a one minute silence in memory of Cllr Tracy Arnold who had passed away the week previous.

FC.118/18-19	<p>APOLOGIES Apologies were received and noted from Cllr Mrs J McAllan, Cllr Pearce, Cllr Potts & Cllr Wilcox</p>
FC.119/18-19	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None received</p>
FC.120/18-19	<p>ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING The meeting was adjourned to allow for public forum, it then reconvened</p>
FC.121/18-19	<p>ADOPTION OF FULL COUNCIL MINUTES Adoption of the Minutes dated 19th November 2018</p> <p>Cllr G Smith PROPOSED to adopt the above Minutes as a true and accurate record of the Meeting</p> <p>Seconded Cllr Williams Vote Unanimous So resolved</p>
FC.122/18-19	<p>CLERK'S REPORT To note the following resignations: Cllr Jean Hanks Cllr Tracy Williams The above resignations were noted.</p> <p>Complaints and Achievements – to confirm amount received and to discuss any controversial issues.</p> <p>32 complaints raised during the month of November these included, overgrowth, blocked drains, highways, fly tipping, overflowing bins, street trading licence, Danter's firework posters and Manor Farm fishing licence.</p>
FC123/18-19	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missing bollard – email from local resident, referred to R&A to consider cost to replace. • Lidl – public consultation Tuesday 8.1.19 @ Kingsway Community Centre. <p>The above was noted.</p>
FC.124/18-19	<p>CHAIR'S REPORT Cllr G Smith advised the Clearwater Drive inquiry went ahead on Tuesday 27th November as scheduled, it was disappointing Gloucester City Council withdrew all their objections, it was also disappointing that no objections were raised by Highways however, this appears to be the policy adopted by them. A decision is expected by 15th January 2019.</p> <p>Cllr Hughes advised he also attended the inquiry and was proud of the excellent presentation made by Quedgeley Council. Mark Hawthorne also offered a good argument and stood up well to examination.</p> <p>During the site visit the following day the inspector was made to walk from Clearwater Drive to Kingsway and cross at the A38 pedestrian crossing to highlight the distance and hazards faced by the children who will be attending the school.</p>

FC.125/18-19	<p>To Consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £1,530.07 to re-join GAPTC. Cllr G Smith outlined the reasons for the original decision The Clerk provided an update and offered reasons to reconsider. The main justification for leaving was the high costs associated with membership, following the Councils decision, GAPTC's executive committee reviewed the pricing structure and resolved to offer a benefits system. Quedgeley Council would qualify for the greatest discount, as the Clerk is qualified and the council has achieved Quality Status. In addition, cheaper training is offered and up to date policies, in particular Standing Orders and Financial Regulations are secured.</p> <p>Following discussion and questions put to and answered by the Clerk, Cllr S Smith took the view it was a serious misjudgement to leave and the financial costs of acting illegally without up to date, and accurate legislation provided by GAPTC overshadows the cost of membership and he PROPOSED to rejoin. Seconded Cllr Mrs M Slatter Vote Unanimous So resolved</p>
FC.126/18-19	<p>FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE (a) Noting of Minutes dated 5th November 2018, accepted by F&GP on 03.12.18 (b) Report of Chairman Nothing to report.</p>
FC.127/18-19	<p>PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (a) Noting of Minutes dated 17th October 2018, accepted by P&D on 21.11.18 (b) Report of Chairman – Clearwater Drive, reported previously. (c) To nominate and accept Cllr Bob Massey to P&D Committee Cllr Powell PROPOSED Bob Massey join the committee Seconded Cllr Lee Vote Unanimous So resolved (d) Official opening Health Centre, disappointed QTC not invited – noted</p>
FC.128/18-19	<p>RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE (a) Noting of Minutes dated 7th November 2018, accepted by R&A on 05.12.18 (b) Report of Chairman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easter Egg Hunt • Tenders Ground Maintenance • Firework Display (c) To nominate and accept Cllr Bob Massey to R&A Committee Cllr S Smith PROPOSED Cllr Bob Massey join the committee. Seconded Cllr Powell Vote Unanimous So resolved</p>
FC.129/18-19	<p>COMMUNITY BUILDINGS COMMITTEE (a) Noting of Minutes dated 12th November 2018, accepted by CB on 10.12.18 (b) Report of Chairman including feedback from Crime Prevention Survey. Following the survey, the Police recommended removal of all trees and bushes from the grassed area adjacent to the car park.</p> <p>Cllr Powell advised they were originally planted to mitigate noise from Quedgeley Social Club however, there are more effective methods of doing so and ongoing maintenance costs support their removal.</p>
FC.130/18-19	<p>REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES AND WORKING PARTIES (a) Quedgeley Community Trust – meeting deferred until January 2019. Quedgeley News searching for additional distributors and a new Editor. It was suggested this is a role Quedgeley Council should consider and it was agreed to discuss further. (b) Allotment Association – water bill invoiced to QUVL, heard nothing further. (c) Little Thatch – Chairman of Quedgeley Town Council was invited to switch on the Xmas lights, Cllr G Smith attended representing QTC wearing the chain of office. (d) St James Church – Choir Tesco 18.12.18.</p>
<p><i>In view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it is in the opinion of this Council advisable in the public interest that the public be excluded and they are instructed to withdraw in respect of the following items.</i></p>	

FC.131/18-19	<p>To consider and agree Reward & Recognition Scheme up to the value of £200.00 in total for Council Staff and to provide delegated authority to Clerk for the above amount to cover ongoing R&R annual scheme.</p> <p>The Clerk suggested a Reward & Recognition Scheme be adopted for staff ie litter pickers & cleaners etc. The idea is to purchase a small gift for each member of staff at Christmas, the cost would not reach £200.00 but suggested this amount be approved to allow for year on year expenditure. This was supported by members but Cllr Hughes suggested this be agreed annually with an option to increase the amount if this proved necessary.</p> <p>Cllr Lee PROPOSED to delegate authority to clerk and in future add to F&GP to agree amount. Seconded Cllr Williams Vote unanimous So resolved.</p>
FC.132/18-19	<p>To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £40.00 in recognition of Long Serving Councillor.</p> <p>Mrs Hanks has served on the Council for numerous years and due to ill health has now resigned. The Clerk suggested a bouquet of flowers be sent to her to thank her for her service.</p> <p>Cllr Lee PROPOSED the above. Seconded Cllr Williams Vote For 8 Abstain 1 So resolved</p>
FC.133/18-19	<p>FURTHER BUSINESS FOR REFERRAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to investigate and report the procedure to adopt Mayor for Quedgeley Council.
<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 21st January 2019</p>	

Meeting Closed 8.45pm

Notes of the PUBLIC FORUM of Quedgeley Town Council Meeting on the 17th December 2018

Police – report read by Clerk

Mark Hawthorne -

- *Waiting restrictions being enforced in various areas in the City and many are within Quedgeley.*
- *Police & Highways will be enforcement the restrictions around schools after the Xmas break.*
- *Some re surfacing is scheduled for March.*
- *Speed awareness installed on Severn Vale Drive*
- *Merlin Drive – raising mini roundabout*
- *Missing Bollard at the top of school lane, County Council is unable to act as it forms part of the private land for the units. Suggest QTC consider addressing the on-going issues of vehicles using the space as a cut through from Bristol Road.*

David Norman -

- *Public Consultation seeking views on whether Gloucestershire County Council or the Police & Crime Commissioner should oversee Gloucestershire Fire & Rescue Service. He encouraged members to respond but following his investigations it appears there is little support from Fire Service for it to be transferred to the Police Commissioner*
- *Adoptions – significant problems continue developers morphed into other companies and there are numerous concerns raised by residents. Taylor Wimpey issue dragging on but will continue to chase.*
- *City Council budget consultation encouraged Quedgeley Council to respond.*
- *Online planning Lidl – Kingsway public meeting 8th January 2019*
- *Kings Walk / Square planning moving forward*

Cllr Powell queried if there were up to date maps available highlighting areas adopted and those still to be adopted?

David Norman advised there are none available at this time but will continue to request.

There being no further questions the meeting reconvened.